

Dialect Ministry Farewell to 2018, Looking forward to 2019

In last month's issue of The Vine, you have read the report of the **Dialect Ministry first-ever retreat in December**. In this month's issue, you can also read about the **Dialect Ministry Christian Waits (carollers)** enthusiastic in their spreading of the Christmas good will and glad tidings. Apart from these, the Dialect Ministry also held a **Christmas celebration cum annual outreach event with tea fellowship and dinner** on 19th December. More than 50 attended the celebration that Wednesday afternoon. It was our great pleasure to welcome all of them, including one of Esther Ang's elder brothers and Martina's mum who were among the many new faces who turned up.



What is Christmas? The question was answered by Deacon Peter in his message about how Jesus was born in a manger, not a 5-star hotel.

There were lively carolling and games. There were also delicious Christmas log cakes included in the tea and dinner menus.

MY PRIVILEGE TO BE PART OF THE MINISTRY IN A POSITIVE YEAR

While December might be a particularly active month due to the Christmas season, we do not overlook the fact that the whole of 2018 was a positive year for the Dialect Ministry. I was glad to be privileged to be a part of the ministry, engaging with the amiable elderly folk and enjoying serving the Lord together with fellow faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. While we encourage the elderly folk, we have also been much encouraged by so many of them who are regular in attendance in our Dialect Sunday Service and, despite their age, maintain active interest and participation in the activities organised for them throughout the year.

MY NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Is making new year resolutions out of fashion? Welcoming the new year 2019, and bidding farewell to ...

If the old year had been a wasted year, it would have been easy to bid it goodbye. However, the year 2018 had been a blessed year for the Dialect Ministry. Therefore, to make it less “sad” to say goodbye, I shall let the blessings in the old year be the positive energy that leads me to this new year resolution of continuing in faithful service in the Dialect Ministry. In this way, as I do the ministry work in the new year, I am always remembering the blessings of the old year that keeps me going. I trust that the flow of God’s goodness to the Dialect folk will continue.



I welcome your prayers and support for the Dialect Ministry.

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